



Union Township Environmental Commission

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Minutes January 8, 2013 Reorganization Meeting & Regular Meeting

REORGANIZATION MEETING

Call to Order: The 2013 Reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM with a reading of the "Sunshine Law" Announcement

Roll Call: Present: Steve Hurford, Jim Eschbach, Alan Ford, Don Church, Bill Harclerode, Brett Bragin

Absent: Chuck Neary

Others Present: Michele McBride, Chuck La Tournous, Claudia Rocca

Bill Harclerode was appointed as Vice-Chair for 2013

Brett Bragin will serve as secretary for 2013

- Terms of existing members – Terms expiring 12/31/13: Hurford, Eschbach and Neary
Term expiring 12/31/14: Ford
Terms expiring 12/31/15: Church, Harclerode, Bragin
- Recruitment of new members – Claudia Rocca has agreed to serve as Alternate No. 1, a two-year term ending 12/31/14, pending appointment by Mayor Bischoff
- Matt Severino will replace Michele McBride as Township Committee Representative
- Alternate non-voting member – Joan Church has moved to the Planning Board
- Still have the Alternate 2 position available

Dates of meetings for 2013 – The following meeting dates were proposed for 2013;

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| • January 8, 2013 | February 12, 2013 | March 12, 2013 |
| • April 9, 2013 | May 14, 2013 | June 11, 2013 |
| • July 9, 2013 | August – No Meeting | September 10, 2013 |
| • October 8, 2013 | November 12, 2013 | December 10, 2013, and |
| • January 14, 2014 – Reorganization & regular meeting | | |

Brett motioned to accept these dates. The motion was seconded by Jim. All were in favor. As shown above, the 2013 UTEC meetings will convene at the Township municipal building on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7:00 PM.

Subcommittee appointments - Chairman Church made the following appointments;

- Open Space: Chuck Neary & Jim Eschbach
- Trails: Brett (with Don as alternate)
- Communication: need to replace Chuck La Tournous
- Road Noise: Bill (with Don as alternate)
- Contaminated Sites: Brett (with Steve as alternate)
- Sustainable NJ/Green Team: Don & Joan

- Public Education: should this be combined with communication?

Brett motioned to adjourn the 2013 Reorganization meeting. Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor. The reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting was convened at 7:23 PM

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Chuck La Tournous suggested a few editorial changes. Steve motioned to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting with the changes. Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Business:

- Transco pipeline – no new information
- Proposed archery center – Bill received an e-mail from ANJEC suggesting several ways to follow this issue. Bill attempted to send an e-mail to Dave Chanda (head of NJ Fish & Game), but got an error message saying that Chanda's mailbox was full.
- Sidney Brook 319 grant – All 2013 funding has been allocated. NJDEP's Nick Zripko said that 2014 funding should be available. There were ~22 projects in the Sidney Brook report. Need to select a high priority project and see if funding is available. Should do a field visit to some of the high priority sites. Steve, Brett, Don, Claudia and Bill expressed interest in seeing some of these problem areas.

New Business:

- The Stony Brook-Millstone watershed association, along with Pack 119 cub scouts & Troop 200 boy scouts are planning a stream cleanup of Sydney Brook and/or Mulhockaway Creek for Saturday 4/20/2013 from 9 am until noon. VJ DiRoberto will organize the Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts. All are welcome to help out.

Communication: 1) Received notice of Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Board meeting to be held on January 10th.

2) Received a packet of information for the development that has begun along Race Street.

Township Committee Liaison's Report: The Township has a meeting scheduled with the NJDOT regarding the Pilot truck stop.

Planning Board Liaison's Report: 1) A resolution on the Perryville Center's "catch up" final site plan approval has been memorialized.

2) PS Construction-Rolling Estates needs to iron out issues on affordable housing issues and should get final approval soon.

Reports of Subcommittees:

- Open Space: no report
- Trails: The Jehovah's Witnesses attorneys were concerned about liability and they are discussing it with the Township attorney. An agreement should be reached soon.

- Communication: The UTEC newsletter has been mailed out and the last electronic delivery to ~ 12 residents were sent out today. Every year UTEC gets a mailing list from the tax roles and the folks who requested electronic delivery need to be culled from this list.
- Road Noise: Bill has been working on this issue for about 7 years. There was a recent breakthrough with the NJ Assembly passing as bill on this issue. Bill suggested sending a thank you letter to Erik Peterson.
- Contaminated Sites: nothing new to report

Hearing of Citizens: Michele McBride suggested that, per our ANJEC grant, it might be a good time to send letters to “new” easement holders (e.g., due to new property transfers).

Other Matters:

- Environmental Steward Program at Rutgers – Don will attend this course
- NJ Highlands Video: “The Highlands Rediscovered” – the Highlands Coalition is willing to come to Union Twp. to show this video.
- On December 12, 2012 the Township’s Highlands subcommittee sent a letter to the Highlands Council stating the Township’s concerns with the Highlands Act (e.g., loss of home rule, etc.). These are the same concerns expressed 2 years ago. The new head of the Highlands Council, Gene Feyel, sent a letter offering to meet with the Township on their concerns.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brett seconded the motion. All were in favor. The January 8, 2013 UTEC meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2013